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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 17 March 1953

DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 26 March 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. [redacted] empty cars to be made available between
25X1 7 and 15 March 1953 included: 55 flatcars at Magdeburg; 46 flatcars at Wustermark;
25X1 42 flatcars at Jueterbog; 37 flatcars at Rathenow; and 24 flatcars at Oranienburg.

2. [redacted] the following
25X1 cars were to be made available and dispatched to Brest Litovsk; 2 coaches from the
25X1 SCC reserve; 7 new type converted boxcars; 1 boxcar for kitchen; 8 boxcars; and
25X1 21 flatcars. Each converted boxcar was to be provided with 100 kg of briquettes and
25X1 the kitchen car with 300 kg of briquettes.

3. [redacted] the following flatcars with iron side-racks were
25X1 dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk

Date in March Number of Flatcars

7	28
8	26
10	27
12	27
14	27

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25X1 4. On 5 March, [redacted] a VP train of 4 converted boxcars with VP personnel
25X1 and 12 flatcars carrying one tank each. The train was loaded at Guestrow and went to
25X1 Grossenhain via Elsterwerda.²

25X1 5. On 11 March, a troop train of 6 converted boxcars and 16 flatcars carrying 8 T-34
25X1 tanks [redacted] and 8 trucks [redacted] was
25X1 observed at the Wustermark railroad station. The train came from Doeberitz and
25X1 proceeded toward Neustrelitz.³

25X1 6. On 8 March, a VP train of 40 converted boxcars with VP personnel and 20 flatcars
25X1 carrying 6 boats, 15 pontoons, squared lumber, wooden boards and logs was observed
25X1 at the Elsterwerda railroad station. The train proceeded toward Leipzig.⁴

25X1 [redacted] Comment. Compare with the statements [redacted] in a previous report.

25X1 [redacted] On 12 March 1953, 14 flatcars carrying tanks were observed
25X1 at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. They came from the east and were bound for
25X1 Lieberose. [redacted] It is believed that the empty railroad material
25X1 reported in the present report will be used for hauling additional heavy materiel

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to East Germany in the near future.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. Guestrow as loading station indicates that the VP train carried elements of the Panzer Offizier Schule of the KVP in Guestrow-Priemerwald. It appears possible that this school will be transferred to Grossenhain, as the KVP previously stationed in Grossenhain moved to Oranienburg. [redacted]. The Zentrale Panzer Unteroffizier Schule of the KVP is located in Zeithain, northwest of Grossenhain. The stationing of the Panzer Offizier Schule of the KVP in a post near to Zeithain may be advantageous with regard to both training and organization.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. This troop train [redacted] carried a tank unit of the 1st Mecc Div which moved to Neustrelitz. [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted] Comment. The VP train carried an engineer battalion of the KVP. As the dispatching and receiving stations are unknown, no definite conclusions can be drawn as to the purpose of this train. It is possible that the engineer battalion belongs to one of the planned new Armeegruppen which are known to be stationed in Dresden, Leipzig and Dessau. However, the engineer battalion may have also been moved to the Elbe River for field exercises. The dispatching station may be Kuechensee, Treuenbrietzen or Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg, as engineer battalions of the KVP are stationed in these places.

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